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Defence Pension Adalat begins in city

- Most ex-servicemen stay away from two-day Adalat owing to nature's fury in Kodagu
- Another Adalat to be held in December

Sanjiv Mittal, Additional Controller General of Defence Accounts, seen lighting the lamp during the inauguration of the Adalat in city this morning as (from left) Brig. (retd.) S.B. Sajjan, CDA Inderjit Kumar, PCDA K. Satish Babu, Dr. G.K. Sharma of DFRL and PCDA Praveen Kumar look on.

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (RK&BCT)- A two-day 159th Defence Pension Adalat began at Kalamandira this morning and over 600 ex-servicemen attended to air their grievances and find solutions. The Pension Adalat is being organised by the Office of the Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (Pensions), Allahabad. Though the organisers were hoping to get thousands of grievances, most of the ex-servicemen stayed away due to floods and nature's fury in Kodagu.

The Adalat aims at spot settlement of pension related grievances of the Defence Pensioners (Army, Navy, Air Force and Paramilitary Forces) including Defence Civilians residing in Mysuru. Sanjiv Mittal, IDAS, Additional Controller General of Defence Accounts, Delhi Cantonment inaugurated the Adalat.

Praveen Kumar, Indian Defence Accounts Service (IDAS), Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (Pensions), Allahabad, K. Satish Babu, IDAS, Principal Controller of Defence Accounts, Bengaluru; Inderjit Kumar, Controller of Defence Accounts, Research and Development (Retd.); S.B. Sajjan, Brigadier (Retd.), Director, Sainik Board, Govt. of Karnataka; Dr. G.K. Sharma, Associate Director, Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL), Mysuru and R.M. Sudheer, IDAS, Controller of Defence Accounts (Retd.) were present.

(See ADALAT on page 9)

City gears up for Varamahalakshmi festival tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (RKB&DM)- The city is gearing up for tomorrow's (Aug. 24) Varamahalakshmi festival.

Varamahalakshmi Vrata is performed by married women for the well-being of their family members, as it is believed that worshipping Goddess Varamahalakshmi on this day is equivalent to worshipping Ashtalakshmi — the eight Goddesses of wealth, earth, wisdom, love, fame, peace, pleasure and strength.

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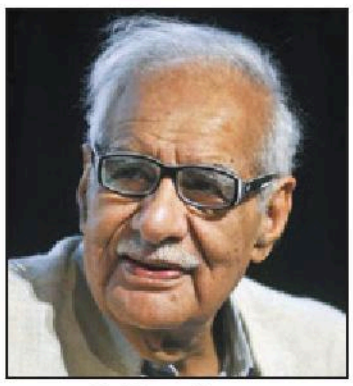
Journalist, author, High Comr. Kuldeep Nayyar dies at 95



Kuldeep Nayyar

New Delhi, Aug.23- Senior journalist and author Kuldeep Nayyar, widely respected for his columns and reportage, died at a Delhi hospital early this morning, his family said. He was 95.

Born at Sialkot (now in Pakistan), he graduated with a law degree from Lahore before moving to India after Partition. He served as High Commissioner to Britain in 1990 and was also nominated to the Rajya Sabha.

Nayyar is survived by his wife and two sons. He will be cremated today at Lodhi crematorium in South Delhi.

In his autobiography published in 2012, he wrote about the collapse of trust between communities after the Partition and how he was forced to migrate to Delhi across the blood-stained plains of Punjab. "From his perilous journey to a new country and to his first job as a young journalist in an Urdu daily, Nayyar's account is also the story of India," the introduction to the book reads.

From a young journalist in Anjam, he went on to head the news agency, UNI. His syndicated column, *"Between the Lines"*, was appreciated for how he always stood for the Freedom of the Press.

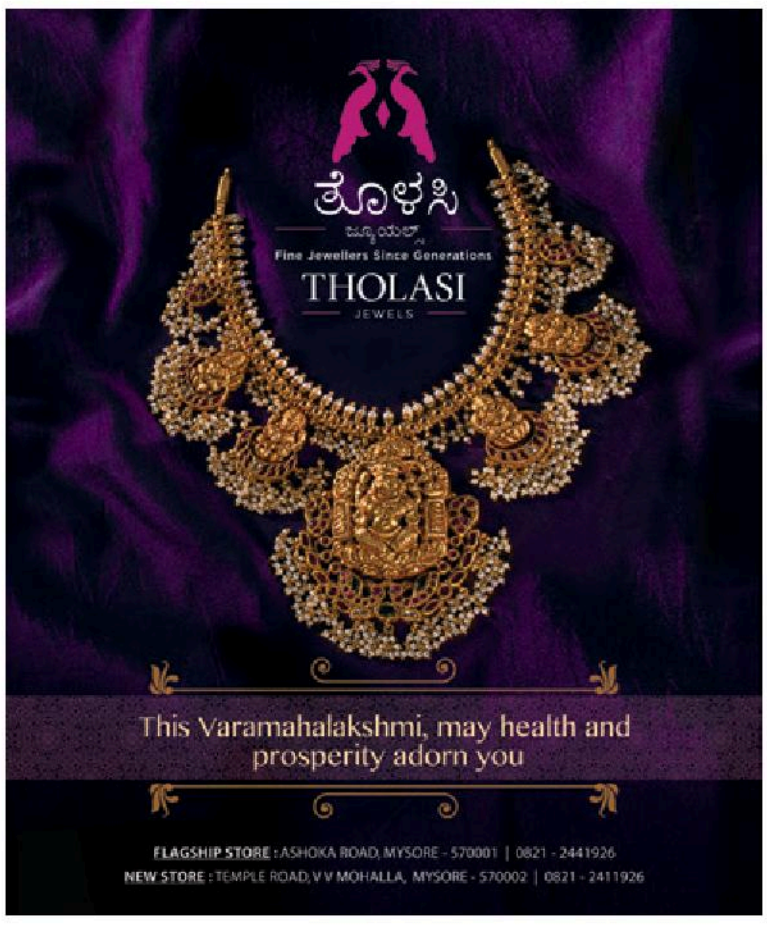
Defence Minister to visit Kodagu tomorrow

Nirmala Sitharaman

Madikeri, Aug.23- Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will visit flood-ravaged Kodagu district tomorrow (Aug. 24) to take stock of the situation.

Sitharaman, who is scheduled to arrive at Harangi helipad at 9 am, will visit flood affected Sai Layout and Kuvempu Layout in Kushalnagar town, following which she will inspect landslides at Madapura at 10.15 am and visit Mythri Bhavan relief camp in Madikeri at 11.15 am.

She will later hold a meeting with officials at the DC's office.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Attiring for attention

Till about a few decades ago, although fashions were not bestowed much attention by people at large, excepting the affluent sections of society, called *high society* and choice of fabrics was nowhere near what is obtained nowadays, citizens attired themselves mostly befitting their calling and, in a certain sense also betrayed their position in the hierarchy of their respective establishments, particularly in respect of white-collared jobs. Readers are invited to open the pages of newspapers, including this one, carrying articles under the heading *'Down the memory lane'* written by regular columnists taking care to illustrate their highly readable scripts with vintage photographs. Persons in high posts shown in those photographs are invariably seen in full suit with neck tie. The teachers of schools attired in dhoti-coat-topi (or *peta*), as they always wore at work, betrayed their none-too-comfortable economic strength (!). The *babudom* appearing in the photographs of that bygone days could be seen in attires taking care not to deviate from decorum, while their combination of dhoti and neck tie never lowered decency.

Events that have been integral part of the land's cultural heritage with mass participation to this day have a history of many centuries keeping intact the design features of attire worn by people of different faiths. Chapters can be written to adequately cover the details of both attire and jewellery specific to different kinds of events, including social functions and weddings.

Blame it on the influence of the ruling class of the colonial rule of nearly two centuries in the land and later on the fashions of the West unhesitatingly imitated by urbanites of the country in particular, trousers eclipsed the time-honoured dhoti, bare-heads dislodged all kinds of headgear, bush-shirt knocked out the ceremonial coat, pencil-pointed shoes, bell-bottom pants and so on became common place features. Appearance in public even as sartorial norms changed over time defined the *personality* of people. The change in attires and hairstyles (of females) seem to have gone wild, given the dominating influence of film stars in movies of various languages, including Kannada. Mercifully, those in some professions such as lawyers, doctors and even the priests can still be found with their attires not yielding to change.

The world of corporates, with their roots in multinational companies has not witnessed liberation in attiring styles. Hi-brow schools are keeping august company with the corporates even to this day. A recent study in the West has brought out the relation between smart appearance and pay cheque. Needless to say these factors, bearing on decorum, make or mar one's work life, particularly in establishments of corporates.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

We have a cupboard — actually a number of cabinets — that are reserved for what my wife euphemistically calls "giving away" presents. In theory, we are supposed to also have space for "got" presents, but in reality all "got" presents become "giving away" presents because most of them are not "keeping" presents. There was a time when the "got" presents equalled the "giving away" presents, but the gap has widened over the years, especially with the children having a critical opinion about most things to do with their parents, which include their mother's house-keeping skills.

— Kishore Singh in Business Standard.

NEWS SPARKLERS

Football players sold to buy goats, earn extra income

Istanbul: A small football club from one of Turkey's lowest divisions named Gulspor, recently sold 18 of its players in order to buy 10 goats and generate extra income from milk and meat sales.

Kenan Büyükleblebi, the club President said that the unusual decision was dictated by lack of funds, as there are virtually no sponsorships or government investments for teams performing in lower leagues.

Gulspor sold 18 of its youth players for around 15,000 Turkish lira ($2,600), which was enough to buy 10 goats. It may not seem like a great business decision, but Büyükleblebi claims the club is estimated to generate a yearly profit of 4,000-5,000 lira from the sale of milk and meat. In fact, it plans to build a herd of 140 goats in the next few years.

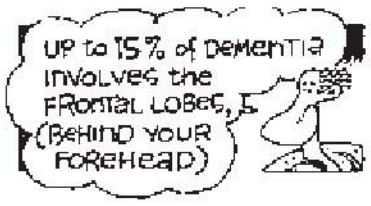
A millionaire trash collector!

Chongqing: A successful businessman from Chongqing in China named Zhong Congrong, has become known as the "the millionaire trash collector," for his longtime habit of scouring the streets of his city armed with a trash-picking claw and picking up any garbage he finds.

The 52-year-old entrepreneur began cleaning up the streets of Chingqing three years ago, after a family trip to southern China's Hainan province, for the Chinese New Year. There, he met a retired university professor who had reportedly been picking up trash from one of the local beaches every day, for the last four years. He was so impressed with the woman's dedication and commitment he decided to replicate her daily habit in his home city. The millionaire wears an attention-grabbing orange t-shirt featuring anti-littering slogans and fines all of his workers 10 yuan if they litter at the workplace.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Does our brain shrink as we get older?



The hippocampus and prefrontal cortex of the brain tend to decrease in size as we age. Dementia is associated with atrophy of these areas. Regular exercise can reverse brain atrophy, so grab your sneakers and hit the gym.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Asaduddin Owaisi in city on Aug.24

Owaisi

Mysuru, Aug.23- Asaduddin Owaisi, MP from Hyderabad-Telangana, will be in city on Aug.24. He will address a public meeting at HUDCO Main Road, opposite Loyal World, in city tomorrow from 7 pm onwards.

Owaisi, who is also the President of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM), is arriving in city to campaign for AIMIM candidate Rafathulla Khan, a BBM graduate and Software Engineer, from Ward No.8, HUDCO Layout, Bannimantap, for MCC elections, according to Nabeel Mohamed Khan, President, AIMIM, Mysuru.

BAI's MYREALTY property show from tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug.23 (US&PM)- Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre and Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India (CREDAI), Mysore, in aid of Mysore Builders' Charitable Trust (MBCT) have organised a mega property show 'MYREALTY-2018' from Aug. 24 to 26 at Hotel Radisson Blu Plaza in city.

Disclosing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, MYREALTY-2018 Chairman G. Ashok said that the annual event would showcase layouts, apartments, Villas and row houses from well-known builders and developers along with home loan, financial institutions of Mysuru, all spanned across 40 stalls.

The event would be inaugurated by District In-charge Minister G.T. Devegowda tomorrow at 4.30 pm. CII Karnataka Chairman Dr. N. Muthukumar and CREDAI Karnataka Chairman Dr. V.K. Jagadish Babu will be the guests of honour.

CREDAI Mysore President Y.G. Chinnaswamy was present at the press meet.

The property expo will be open for visitors from 10 am to 9 pm on Aug 25 and 26.

Really...?

- ***There are over 800 different cattle breeds recognised worldwide (according to Wikipedia). Beef breeds are raised for their meat and dairy breeds are raised to produce milk.***
- ***Cows move their jaws about 40,000 times a day.***
- ***A cow will chew for up to eight hours a day.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Father: *Why did you get such a low score in that exam?*
Son: *Absence!*
Father: *You were absent on the day of the exam?*
Son: *No but the boy who sits next to me was !!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 70.04
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 90.13
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.07
1 Euro	= Rs. 80.92

VOICE OF THE READER

Provide trolley at Rly. Station

Sir,

We are all proud to know that Mysuru Railway Station has been adjudged as one of the best Stations. There a couple of amenities Railways can add to improve their service to passengers like having 24x7 dedicated counter to issue platform tickets and provide luggage trolleys.

Now at different times, platform tickets are issued at different counters. When the same counter is issuing current ticket along with platform ticket, seeing the queue, visitors are constrained to skip buying platform tickets.

Over a period of time, the number of porters at Railway Station has dwindled and the few available porters, loot the passengers. When queried, I was told that most of the passengers carry trolley-like baggage with wheels and their service is limited to very few, whom they are constrained to loot for their livelihood. Over a period of time, porters may disappear from Railway Station.

To safeguard the interest of passengers, Railways should provide trolleys to passengers, like in airports. Providing trolleys will save the passengers from being fleeced at the hands of existing porters.

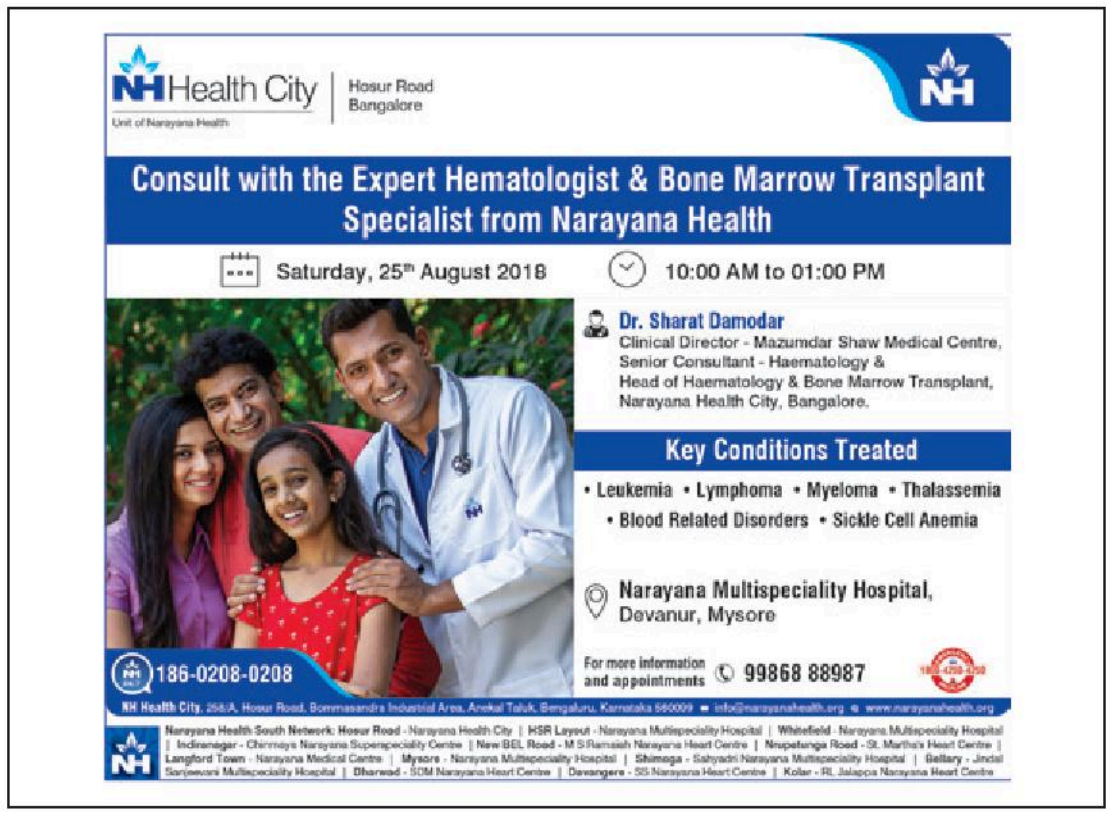
— K. Chandrahas
Mysuru 20.8.2018

Rly. Reservation Office in Madikeri shutdown

Mysuru, Aug.23- The Computerised Advanced Reservation Office (PRS) of the Railways, functioning at the Municipal Complex in Madikeri Town, has been temporarily shutdown to evaluate the structural damage, if any, to the building on account of heavy rains and floods.

The Railways is taking this step as a precautionary measure to ensure the safety of those visiting the reservation office. The services will resume once an all-clear certificate is issued by the competent authorities.

South Western Railway, has in a press release, regretted the inconvenience caused to travellers on account of temporary suspension of services at Madikeri, according to S.G.Yatish, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager and PRO.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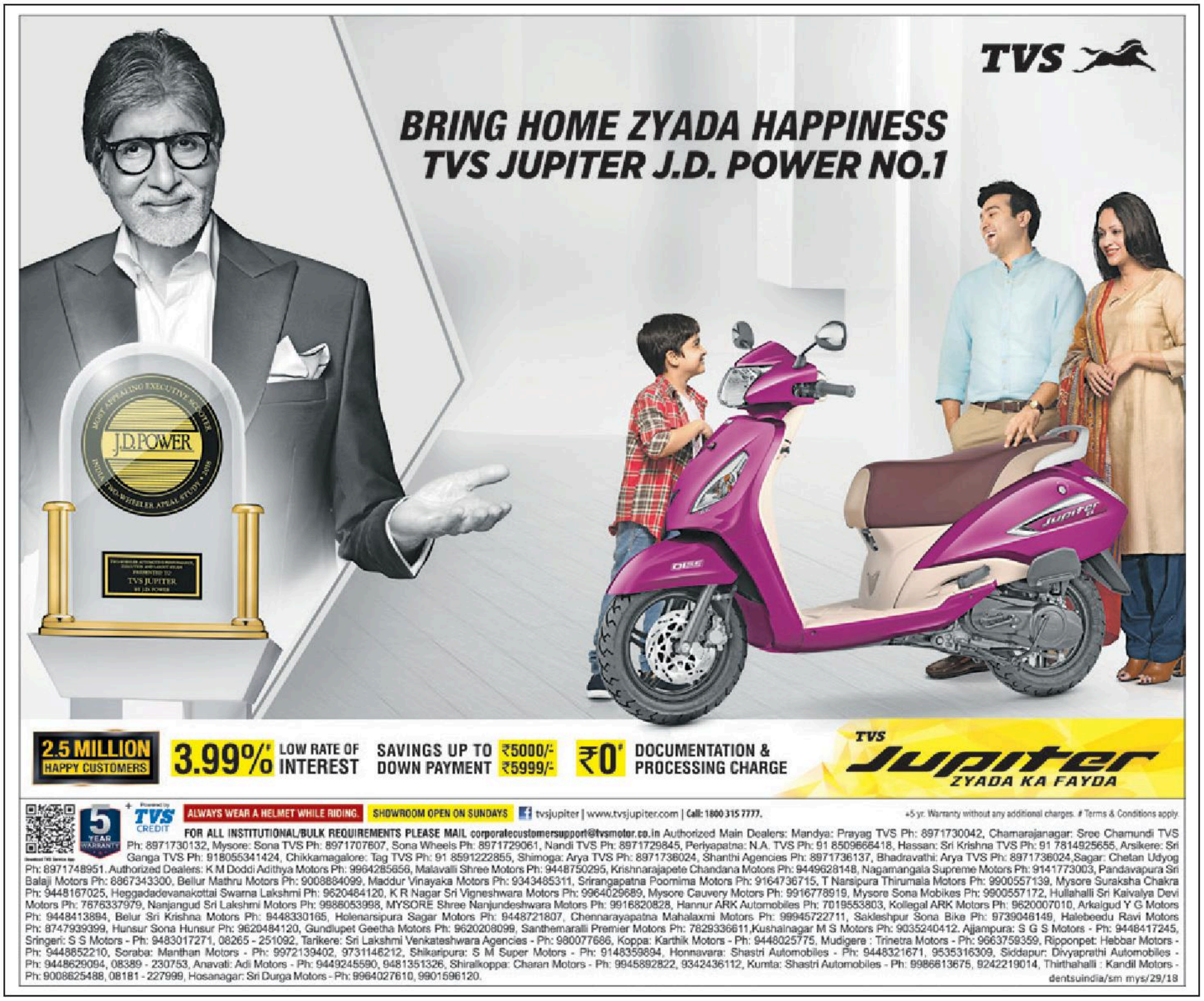
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NEWS BRIEFS

Calling farmers

The Agricultural Research Station at Naganahalli in the taluk will be conducting a one-day training programme on "Use of water in Paddy and Sugarcane crops" for the farming community on Aug. 28. The interested farmers can register their names at the Research Station before Aug. 27 between 8.30 am and 4 pm. The programme is limited to 50 farmers. For details, call Ph: 0821-2591263 or Mob: 80952-27713.

HMV driving training

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Development Corporation has invited applications from unemployed youths (men and women) belonging to SC community to undergo training at KSRTC Driving Schools (Heavy Motor Vehicles). Candidates must have a minimum qualification of pass in 10th standard and be in the age group of 21 to 40 years. They must have LMV licence issued more than a year ago. For details visit the Corporation Office, 3rd Floor of SBI Zonal Office, Sahukar Channaiah Road, Saraswathipuram. Last date for applying is Sept.10. For details, call Ph: 0821-2332480.

Free diabetes detection camp

Dr. Mohan's Diabetes Specialties Centre, Gokulam Road, has organised a free diabetes detection and awareness camp on Aug. 26 at its premises. For details, contact Mob: 78997-42185 or Ph: 0821-2411323/324.

Upakarma

Arya Samaj has organised Shravana Upakarma and Yagnopaveetha dharana as per Vaidika Dharma on Aug.26 at 10 am at Arya Samaj, Kothwal Ramaiah Street, Devaraja Mohalla, in city.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	123.60 ft
Yesterday	122.25 ft
Inflow	25,857 cusecs
Outflow	4,570 cusecs
Last year on this date	91.00 ft.

Kabini Level

(Maximum: 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,282.50 ft
Inflow	20,184 cusecs
Outflow	15,000 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,856.34 ft
Inflow	8,855 cusecs
Outflow	9,256 cusecs

Rescue teams scramble to help abandoned animals in Kodagu

A cow is being led to a truck by animal rescue volunteers at a remote village near Madikeri in Kodagu District.

Rescued livestock being shifted to the relief centre.

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (BCT)-As rescue operations continue in flood-and-landslide-hit Kodagu, several stories of selfless support and humanity have come to light. Among them is this story of how volunteers are rescuing pet animals and livestock from remote and inaccessible areas.

Their main objective is to rescue the animals, mainly pets and livestock that have been stranded amidst nowhere and at the middle of slush and debris. A dedicated team of volunteers are camping in the devastated areas in search of pet animals and they are leaving no stone unturned to save the animals.

Mysuru volunteers

Those in the team are **Dr. Suranjana Ganguly** and **Dr. Shantanu,** who run *The Woof Wagon Pet Clinic* in Mysuru. The vets, along with volunteers from *Compassion Unlimited Plus Action (CUPA)* and volunteers who know the terrain well, are scouting for animals. Equipped with trucks and other vehicles, the volunteers are reaching remote areas of Madikeri including Makkandur, Vanachalu, Galibeedu, Madapura, Hattihole and surrounding areas where over 13 villages have been wiped out. The main challenge to rescuers comes in the form of terrain. Mud and slush are preventing their vehicles from entering certain areas and undeterred, they are moving around on foot and with the help of ropes and boats.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* from Makkandur, Dr. Shantanu said that it was impossible to reach houses where the animals are stranded. "Most of the houses have collapsed and at some places we found pets waiting for their masters. We are seeking support from the Army and the District Administration to locate and rescue the pets," he said.

Though the number of pets present in the flood-affected areas is unclear as of now, volunteers would be able to gather the details only after people in the relief camps returned to their homes. Dr. Suranjana Ganguly told *SOM* that the National Disaster Relief Force (NDRF) that was spearheading relief and rescue operations gave consent to volunteers to rescue pets only on Aug. 20. "Since then, we have been trying our best to rescue pets. We are in constant touch with other volunteers and people who know the areas well to locate and rescue dogs, cats and other animals left behind after their owners were evacuated to safer places," she said.

Base camp at Bylakuppe

So far, 17 cows, a couple of dogs, monkeys and cats have been rescued and have been brought to the base camp set up at Bylakuppe that borders Mysuru district. "We need more vehicles like jeeps to reach remote areas as we have been getting calls from desperate people who are concerned about the fate of their pets and livestock," she added.

"We are requesting people to not leash or tie their pets. At some places we found that many people had tied up the animals fearing they would be lost. During such disaster situations, it is best to leave the animals unleashed so that they have a better chance of survival.

Special Helpline

There was an urgent need to remove the bodies of dead animals as they could cause diarrhoea and leptospirosis. For any assistance to rescue pet animals, people can call a special helpline that has been set up: 97414 58583.

A volunteer holds a traumatised pet dog and a cat.

State likely to announce waiver of farm loans in Commercial Banks tomorrow

Bengaluru, Aug.23 (KMS&DM)- The State Government is likely to announce waiver of farm loans in Commercial Banks at the Cabinet meeting to take place in Bengaluru tomorrow.

The State Government has already passed an order on waiver of farm loans up to Rs.1 lakh in Co-operative Banks. Kumaraswamy is all set to get Cabinet approval for farm loan waiver during Friday's Cabinet meeting.

The Chief Minister is said to have guaranteed the National Banks on security for farm loan waiver, according to which the Government will pay the farm loans in three instalments. The farm loans in National Banks stands at the Rs.26,000 crore and the interest accrued is Rs.5,300 crore. The State Government will pay Rs.8,666,66 crore in three instalments. The Govt. will pay the first instalment to Banks while issuing the order on farm loan waiver and it will provide guarantee for two other instalments to be paid on later dates.

Anti Corruption Bureau to receive complaints

Mysuru, Aug.23 (KS)- The officials of the Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) will be receiving complaints from the public on Aug.24 and 25 at various places.

Complaints pertaining to delay in work at Government offices, demand of bribe and other problems caused by the government officials can be given at the places mentioned below:

On Aug.24, complaints will be received at the Inspection Bungalow in Periyapatna at 11.30 am, at Bettadapura Inspection Bungalow at 3 pm and at Bylakuppe Inspection Bungalow at 4.30 pm.

On Aug.25, complaints will be received at Bannur Inspection Bungalow at 11.30 am, T. Narsipur Inspection Bungalow at 12.30 pm, Talkad Inspection Bungalow at 3 pm and at Varuna Taluk Office at 4.30 pm.

Entry of heavy vehicles to Kerala banned

Gundlupet (Chamarajanagar), Aug.23- Heavy floods in Kerala have affected the movement of goods vehicles from Karnataka.

With the roads being washed away due to flood and heavy rain, the Kerala Government has banned the entry of heavy vehicles. As a result, trucks and heavy vehicles from Karnataka and other States have been lining up at the border in Gundlupet taluk.

National Highway-67 that passes through Bandipur via Gudalur and NH-766 that passes through Molehole connect Kerala with Karnataka.

With heavy rains in Wayanad and Mallapuram districts, landslides have been reported from various places, leading to the ban on movement of heavy vehicles.

Former Kadur MLA Y.S.V. Datta's wife passes away

Bengaluru, Aug.23 (KS)- Nirmala Datta (53), wife of former Kadur MLA Y.S.V. Datta, passed away yesterday in Bengaluru.

Nirmala Datta

Nirmala, who was suffering from cancer, was undergoing treatment since many days and died at the hospital after failing to respond to the treatment.

The body was kept at her house in Rajajinagar for the public to pay their last respects.

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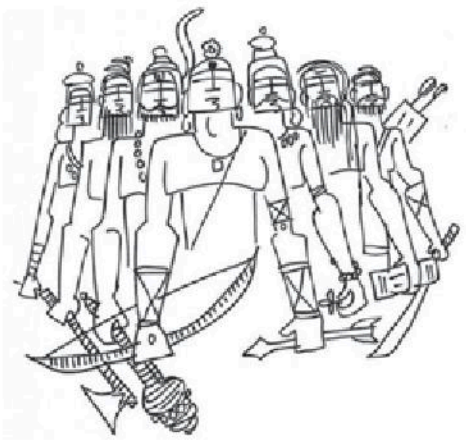
The Immortals



In Hindu mythology, whenever an asura asks for immortality, Brahma tells them that they can have whatever they wish except that. The clever asura then asks for a boon that will render him immortal for all practical purposes. But, embedded in the boon is a loophole, a vulnerability that the devas take advantage of, to kill him. Thus, we are reminded that no one is immortal in the world.

However, this concept is countered by the concept of 'Chiranjivi' or the immortals of Hindu mythology. These are male characters from various stories in the Ramayana, Mahabharata and Puranas who live forever. Some are cursed. Others blessed. Some are denied death. Some are burdened with life.

Traditionally, there are seven immortals. They are: **1.** Bali, the asura-king, vanquished by Vishnu in his dwarf avatar.

2. Parashurama, the priest-warrior avatar of Vishnu.

3. Hanuman, the wise and mighty monkey who serves Ram.

4. Vibhishana, who is Ravana's brother.

5. Vyasa, organiser of Veda and composer of the Mahabharata.

6. Kripa, the brother-in-law of Drona, and teacher of the Pandavas.

7. Ashwatthama, the son of Drona.

The eternal Bali returns to Kerala every year during Onam festival as he embodies prosperity. Hanuman, Vibhishan, Vyasa, and Kripa have been given immortality to remember Ram and Krishna. Parashurama is immortal to defend the earth as he killed all the warriors himself. Ashwatthama is the most famous immortal. He is immortal as punishment for daring to kill an unborn child and for the audacity of releasing, despite not having knowledge to control it, the Brahmastra, a terrible missile that could destroy the world.

Sometimes, the sage Markandeya is added to this list, making it eight immortals. It is he who tells the Ramayana to the Pandavas and informs everyone of how pralaya will eventually destroy the world. It reminds us of the concept of eight immortals found in Taoist mythology. While in Chinese mythology, one of the eight immortals is a woman and another is androgynous or sexually ambiguous, in Hindu mythology, all eight are male.

There are other characters who are immortal in Hindu mythology but who do not make it to the list. For example, Muchukunda, the son of Mandhata, who slept so long in a cave after a war, that when he opened his eyes, his first glance was so fiery that it set aflame the man who had rudely interrupted his sleep. There is Kalyavana, destroyer of Mathura, enemy of Krishna. Or Jambavan, the bear who served in Ram's army and helped in the rescue of Sita. Or Banasura, the father of Usha, who was defeated by Krishna, but blessed by Shiva. And Udal, brother of Alha, whose Rajput saga from medieval times is popular in the Bundelkhand region.

Besides humans, there are immortal plants and animals, like Akshaya-vat, or the banyan tree which will survive pralaya or the great deluge; Kaka Bhusandi, or the immortal crow, who narrates the Ramayana to Narada; Akupara, or the immortal turtle, who holds the earth on his back; and, Sesha, the immortal serpent, who binds the oceans in his coils. For a culture that grappled with impermanence in the world, these characters reveal a deep hidden yearning for permanence and immortality.

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Rat race, is it worth it?

By N.K.A. Ballal,
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Ballal

Sometime back I had met a girl studying in 9th std. living nearby during summer holidays. She had mentioned to me that she was interested in taking coaching for badminton and swimming. But later on I came to know she was busy the whole summer attending coaching classes from evening 5 to 9 pm ! Preparatory for 10th board exams!

The rat race for getting top marks for the board exam begins two years in advance? You ask any child in Mysuru what she wants to be in her life, the standard answer is either a doctor or an engineer. Unlike yesteryears, when the choice, of course, was very limited nowadays the students have a varied choice of careers and courses. The society also has to take some blame for this. If a student says that he or she wants to be a scientist or a teacher, he or she is laughed at and discouraged.

Contrast this with another girl neighbour I met very recently. She was attending dance classes, taking badminton coaching and very relaxed. I jokingly asked her as to why she was not joining this rat race. The girl's young mother's reply was, "Sir, I want my daughter to enjoy her life, studies are important but life is not studies alone. With hard work she will succeed and become a lawyer like her grandfather but she is definitely not joining this rat race for getting ninety percent marks." I really wish more mothers think this way.

Two contrasting children: One struggling with her time, huffing and puffing, studying day in and out, just to get a ninety percent and above and the other enjoying life but sure that she would score enough marks to get placement in whatever she wanted. Sometimes I wonder is it right for us to rob our children the pleasures of childhood?

The other day I was watching the interview of Indra Nooyi, the CEO of Pepsico, who gives the credit of installing discipline, to her mother. It seems her mother would make both the sisters stand up and ask them to give a talk, *"What would I do if I was the Prime Minister?"* She goes on to say how those days they had no TV, no internet or even a working phone but still they could study and play every day. During holidays they did not study but play the full day. Nowadays children also play the whole day but on the computers and cell phones.

Melinda Gates' children don't have smart phones and only use a computer in the kitchen. Her husband Bill Gates spends hours in his office reading books while everyone else is refreshing their home page. Mark Zuckerberg wants his daughter to read Dr. Seuss and play outside rather than use Messenger Kids. Top private schools in the US have banned electronic devices for Under-11s. Ironical, the more money one makes out of tech industry, the more one shields their family from its effects !

It is also a fact that there were committed teachers those days who would go all out to impart knowledge and educate students. I still recollect my school days. We had a Head Master Rajgopal, who used to teach english poetry. Would you believe it, 50 years later, even today I am able to recite some of the poems. Such a deep impact. The school, Hindu High School, Chennai, was not a fancy convent too. Education now is a big business and slowly going beyond the reach of common man.

An 11-year-old Geethanjali Rao was honoured with the top Young Scientist Award in the US in 2017. What was her invention? A simple device to measure the lead in water. She saw that there were numerous equipment with varied results. So she created an app which gave correct instant result ! Her prize 25,000 dollars. Wow. I saw her interview. What a confidence and poise for an 11-year-old !

How is that our children when they go abroad, blossom out to be scientists, professors and researchers? Well simple, there is no peer pressure. They are free to choose their own vocation. My own grandson, in the 7th grade, wants to be a Broadway actor ! Last year he wanted to be a lawyer. He may very well change his mind next year, so be it.

A country of 1.4 billion, why are we not able to produce Olympic champions? Simple, if any child wants to be a sports person, he or she is discouraged by peers. Truth is that majority of youth want to be sportsmen only to land a government job.

A recent study reveals that children up to the age of 4 are operating at genius level. The same children at their early 20s are operating at only 2 percent of their genius level. Where did all this genius vanish? It got buried by the diktat of society, which starts saying "You can't do this." By the time a child is 17, they have heard "no" 1,50,000 times and "yes" only 5,000 times. The more you hear what you cannot do, where you can't go or who you can't become, there is a neurological path in the brain which makes it shut down. That is the prime reason brilliant and genius children end up becoming ordinary when they grow up!

My niece goes to a reputed school in Mysuru. When I went to meet her a month back in the evening, she was busy playing outside. Recently we had been to her house and I was stunned to see her busy with her home work. Would you believe, due to pressure from parents, the school has reintroduced the culture of homework! **Parents preparing their wards for the rat race !**

To sum up, I am not going to give a opinion on who is right or who is wrong. There must be something wrong in our society if a student gets admonished after scoring eighty percent marks? We parents should not put pressure on children to do what we want them to do rather they should be free to choose whatever they want to do. Guide them, counsel them, but the choice should be left to them. Do not discourage them if they come with some weird career choices. A nine-year niece of mine, Avni, wants to be a Prime Minister ? So be it.

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Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation

Airlifts 15 tonnes of clothes to Kodagu

Relief materials to be sent to flood-affected Kodagu being loaded into a helicopter (pic. left) after unloading from an aircraft at Mysore Airport in Mandakalli.

Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar seen with GSS Foundation's D. Srihari and others at Mysore Airport where two AN-32 Indian Air Force aircraft landed with relief materials.

Mysuru, Aug.23 (RK&NNN)- Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation (KHDC) has also joined hands in doing its bit to the flood-affected victims of Kodagu, many of whom have nothing left except the clothes they were wearing.

In order to provide clothes to the victims which is the most essential requirement after food, KHDC packed five tonnes of clothes yesterday at its factory at Peenya in Bengaluru and transported it to the Yelahanka Air Force Station from where the Indian Air Force (IAF) aircraft AN-32 airlifted the clothes to Mysore Airport at Mandakalli.

These five tonnes of clothes were airlifted again in a helicopter from Mysore Airport to Harangi, near Kushalnagar in Kodagu where it was unloaded yesterday morning. Three trips were made as the requirement was urgent.

The District Administration, Mysuru City Corporation officials, led by Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar and nearly 35 people including GSS Foundation members led by D. Srihari and NSS volunteers led by Chandrashekar were involved in shifting clothes from the aircraft to the helicopter.

The materials which were packed by KHDC included lungis, bath towels, napkins, sarees, men's wear and inner garments.

Even as five tonnes of clothes were flown in yesterday morning, another ten tonnes of clothes reached the Mysore Airport by evening. The material is being stocked in the city itself as there is no place to store the clothes in Kodagu right now.

According to sources in KHDC, they have another ten tonnes of clothes ready to be transported if the requirement arises. Already 15 tonnes have been transported.

Meanwhile, according to an IAF release issued by the IAF Training Command Head Quarters in Yelahanka, Bengaluru, a total of seven transport aircraft have been pressed into service to carry relief materials to various rehabilitation centres both in Kodagu and Kerala.

The IAF also positioned a Rapid Action Medical Team (RAMT) comprising 36 doctors and paramedics carrying 8,500 kg of medical load, in key areas, to control critical health hazards like disease spread that are expected post-flood.

IAF officers are coordinating with the Disaster Response Force teams in their relief operations being carried out in Kodagu.

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Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Pavan Varma's Parakaya Pravesha of Adi Shankaracharya ! —2

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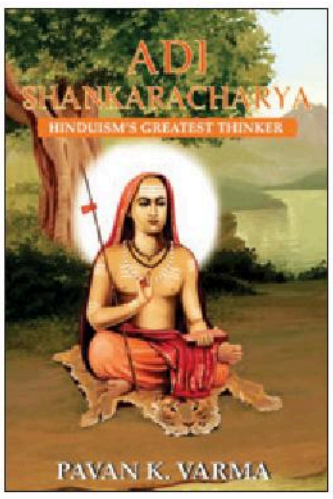
It was clear that Pavan Varma settled down to write this book *'Adi Shankaracharya'* in the format of hagiography after visiting places hallowed by the name of Adi Shankaracharya. Personally, I have been striving to know who or what God (Brahma) is and *Aathma* (Soul) is. In the cases of both, it has been only a sort of higgledy-piggledy experience. When I mentioned it to a Professor of Philosophy, he said, 'Do not circumscribe your vision like a frog in the well which does not know there is an unending expanse of water out there in the sea.' This was, according to him, the vision of Brahma (God) and only those who have periscopic mind of Saints can have this vision. Adi Shankaracharya is one such mind.

However, I am yet to read a book where clear, direct answers are given to these fundamental questions nagging the mind of man. Neither the prophets nor the great religious philosophers like Adi Shankaracharya, Ramanujacharya and Madhvacharya were able to answer. The questions about God and Soul are explained through rigmarole or aphorisms of literary or poetic rhetoric. Problem is in the assumption of suffering from illusion, *Maya*. What happens when the veil of *Maya* is removed and we find neither the snake nor the rope there? The space is empty. My mother-in-law at the age of 94 sitting on a wheelchair in the verandah used to see snakes near the Royal Palms on the edge of the garden. But we know it was her illusion, *Maya*. I think Shankara's idea of *Maya* is so intense that even if there is neither the snake nor the rope *Maya* will create one for the *Ajnani*, ignorant.

A week back, I was reading a book *'The Z Factor,'* an autobiography of Subhash Chandra, a TV Moghul. He says that in younger days during monsoon season, travelling Monks would stay in the town where he was living and he grew close to one



of them and attended the discourses held in the evenings. Subhash Chandra was a precocious six-year-old then and when alone with the Monk, he would ask such metaphysical questions like — What is life? What happens after life? What is alive? What is death? What is our purpose? What is human life? Why are we born humans and not animals? But then, the Monk, a *sadhvi,* would parry or duck the question. She would laughingly tell his father how he asked her too many tough questions. This is what happens to all questions that relate to God and human life and the *Aathma*.

According to Hindu belief, there are many paths to enlightenment and liberation from the cycle of birth and death. Of course, if one believes in rebirth. We know some religions do not believe in rebirth. For some, after death it is only heaven, hell or purgatory forever. Probably this is the reason why these religions lay emphasis on doing good in this life so that pearly gates of heaven would be flung open for them, while the sinners would be condemned to live in hades. However, in Hinduism, there are many options after death. If heaven is not possible and hell is to be avoided, there is always a rebirth which is an opportunity to lead a sinless good life on earth and thus claim a place in heaven, attaining *Moksha* and ending the cycle of birth and death.

The concept of *'Purushartha'* in Hinduism seems to be so unique that every householder is expected to practice those religious injunctions to attain *Moksha,* deliverance. These four *'Purusharthas'*, goals in a Hindu's life, are: *Dharma* (Right conduct), *Artha* (Pursuit of material well-being), *Kama* (The pursuit of the sensual) and *Moksha* (Salvation). If one pursues each of the first three goals, automatically one is led to the fourth goal *Moksha*.

Shankara was a great debater on all Hindu scriptures and used to gather disciples by defeating his opponent. Probably the account of Shankara's life would be incomplete if these debates with great Pandits are not mentioned. His victory in a debate over the Pandit of Mahishi Mandana Misra who was considered an *avathar* of Brahma himself by his admirers was one such memorable debate.

However, Mandana Misra's wife Ubhaya Bharati was not willing to concede defeat and challenged Shankara for a debate with her by virtue of her being the wife of the defeated Mandana Misra. Shankara accepts the challenge and Ubhaya Bharati asked Shankara to answer questions on Kama Shastra that related to sex, sensuality and erotism which she as a married woman was familiar with but her opponent Shankara being a celibate Sanyasi was totally ignorant of. Then Shankara asked a month's time to learn about the Science of Sex and return to the debate. Ubhaya Bharati agrees.

Thereafter, Shankara through his Yogic powers left his body in a cave on the banks of River Narmada and entered the dead body of the King of Anaruka which was being taken for cremation. Now, Shankara in the body of the dead King returned to the Palace and there in the company of the dead King's wife or wives, he learnt the art of making love and all about sex. Shankara was so much seduced by the sensual life in the luxurious Palace, he forgot to go back to his own body kept in the cave. Shankara even wrote a manual on erotica. Later, he wins the debate by answering questions on Kama Shastra and eroticism.

This reminds me of a saying in Kannada *'Andige ade sukha, indige ide sukha'* (In the past, that was happiness and now, this is happiness). It appears that there was a Brahmin who was a *'Trikala Jnani'* (who could see the past, present and future). He knew he was soon to die and in the next life he would take birth as a pig. Of course, he hated it but it was his *Karma,* destiny. So he called his eldest son and told him that he was going to be born as a pig in the neighbouring village in a particular place. And on a certain day he should go and kill him, thus liberate him from that wretched life. The son asked how would he be able to identify him among other pigs. The father told the son that he would be a female pig and there would be a brown stripe on its back.

When the time came, the Brahmin died and as he had foreseen, he was born in the neighbouring village and lived with his piglets happily. At the appointed time, the son took a sword and went to the neighbouring village looking for his father in the life of a female pig. He could easily identify his father and lifted the sword to kill him as instructed. However, the pig screamed and begged of him not to kill saying, "Don't kill me my son, please." But the son said that it was he who wanted to be killed.

"You wanted me to liberate you from this wretched life and a new life as a human being awaits you in your next birth," said the son. But the pig pleaded for mercy saying "What you say is true, but I am so happy here with my children, therefore allow me to live happily here." Thereafter, the son left the place leaving his father (now a pig) to enjoy life according to his wish.

I guess, it is fortunate for the Hindus that the worried disciples of Shankara, who was reluctant to resume his own body kept in the cave, reminded him of what he really was by singing a few philosophical songs. Shankara then woke up from his sensual stupor and ran back to the cave and entered his body.

Be that as it may, Shankara's life and works are of great importance to Hindus as much as for Hinduism. Some say, but for Shankara, the whole of Bharat or say Hindustan would have become Buddhistan, a country of Buddhists and some others say, if Shankara was not born, Hinduism would have remained only with Brahmins, the uppermost caste in the caste hierarchy and all others would have become Buddhists.

The book running to 364 pages with an exhaustive index and the list of reference books is properly divided into different sections including Shankaracharya's commentary on Bhagavad Gita. However, the section titled *'The Validation of Science'* seems the only grey area in the book, while one can understand the religious and philosophical parts of the book as they are based on one's belief.

There was a question and answer session after Pavan Varma's talk and I asked the first question, a journalist without sin !

Question: Shankara died at the young age of 32. How could he have travelled the length and breadth of this huge country when in those days there were no proper roads or transport system?

After dribbling the question for a while, trying at some rigmarole, he said he could traverse the distance walking because he must have started his journey when he was eight.

The next question was from Deepak Thimmaiah, the Kannada TV anchor and interviewer. He wondered if there were more Shankaras (*Abhinava* Shankara?), who accomplished all that is attributed to Adi Shankaracharya alone?

Honestly, I did not understand the answer as I was not attentive.

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Defence Pension Adalat begins

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Over 20 counters have been established at Kalamandira premises and once the pensioners fill up the prescribed application form along with their pension details, they are issued tokens and called to the respective counters. Problems that are being faced by pensioners are then aired before the officials and on-the-spot solution is being provided. Grievances including war pension and regular pension are being heard at the Adalat.

Inaugurating the event, Praveen Kumar said that the Adalat is being organised locally to hear and solve the problems of defence personnel who have worked for the country or the dependents of defence persons who have laid their lives fighting for the nation. "Pension problems at office level, technical level and personal level are being addressed here. We don't want anyone of you to lose benefits from the government," he said.

At the Pension Adalat, city-based Vekare Ex-Servicemen Trust (VeKET) Mandetira N. Subramani brought up the case of Lance Naik L. Siddappaji, who was decorated with Sena Medal, a Gallantry Award, in 2004.

Siddappaji was attached to the 18 Maratha Light Infantry and was posted in hostile terrain of Jammu and Kashmir. On Jan. 19, 2004, terrorists struck his post and one of them opened fire at Sepoy Siddappaji and lobbed a grenade forcing Siddappaji to take cover and also engage the terrorist who was hit but kept on firing at him. Using limited cover available, Siddappaji closed in to engage the enemy and in a face-to-face combat, killed the terrorist.

For his initiative and display of exceptional courage in the face of threat to his own life, Siddappaji was awarded the Sena Medal (Gallantry) and he received it on Aug. 15, 2004. Unfortunately, even after winning the Medal, he was not covered under the definition of ex-serviceman. As such, he was not entitled to any benefits from the Army.

One more case that was highlighted at the Adalat was that of Maria Cecilia, whose husband died while in service. She had secured a job at Central Food Technology Research Institute (CFTRI) and she was not receiving the pension from the Army since 20 years.

Naik Hiriyanna, a war veteran who fought at Siachen Glacier and had lost a couple of his toes was not getting pension for his war injury. As per procedure, he must get pension both for his service in the Army and as well as for his injuries sustained during war.

The organisers had arranged food for all the attendees and ex-servicemen. Over 1,000 pensioners are expected to turn up at the Adalat till evening. The Adalat will continue tomorrow. Officials told *Star of Mysore* that one more Defence Pension Adalat will be held in the month of December.

Jaitley resumes charge as FM

Arun Jaitley

New Delhi, Aug.23- Arun Jaitley arrived at the North Block office Ministry of Finance to resume charge as Finance Minster (FM) after President Ram Nath Kovind re-appointed him today.

Jaitley was on a three-month hiatus after he underwent a renal transplant.

Dinesh Gundu Rao to visit city

Dinesh Gundu Rao

Mysuru, Aug.23- KPCC President Dinesh Gundu Rao will visit the city tomorrow.

He will launch the Congress campaign for the MCC polls at the Congress Bhavan near the City Railway Station at 10 am, following which he will hold a meeting with party candidates, according to City Congress President R. Murthy.

Varamahalakshmi festival tomorrow

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Ahead of tomorrow's festival, womenfolk thronged Devaraja Market, Vani Vilas Market and other markets to make purchases of flowers, fruits and other pooja materials for worshipping Goddess Lakshmi.

Bangle shops, cosmetic shops, jewellery shops, textile shops, saree houses etc., were flooded by womenfolk. With huge demand for fruits, flowers, etc. the prices have shot up significantly, with *sevanthige* (chrysanthemum) selling at Rs. 50-60 a metre, small rose flowers at Rs. 320 per kg, lotus at Rs. 40-50 for a pair, marigold (chendu hoovu) at Rs. 40 per kg, Mysuru Mallige at Rs. 100 a metre.

The prices of fruits too have gone up considerably, with apple selling at Rs. 80 to 140 per kg, wood apple at Rs. 60 per kg.

yelakki banana at Rs. 100 to 120 per kg, pineapple at Rs. 15 to 20 a piece, plantain stalks at Rs. 50-75 per pair depending on the size and mango leaves at Rs. 10 a bundle.

The festival is celebrated by decorating an idol of Goddess Lakshmi with a saree, flowers, fruits, gold jewellery and other offerings placed in front.

Party big-wigs convincing rebel candidates to withdraw their nominations

Withdrawal of nominations to end today at 3 pm

Mysuru, Aug.23 (RKB&KS)- With today being the last day for withdrawal on nomination papers for the MCC polls, leaders of three major parties — Congress, BJP and the JD(S) — are now trying to convince the party rebel candidates to withdraw their nomination papers.

Most of the rebel candidates are contesting as Independent candidates following delimitation of Wards and the Wards being reserved for Women and for other community.

It is learnt that big wigs of the three major parties have entrusted the work of convincing the rebel candidates to withdraw their nomination papers to the respective MLAs of the Constituencies from where the rebel candidates are expected to contest. The MLAs are said to have visited the houses of rebel candidates last night and tried to convince them to withdraw their nomination papers and allow party candidates which the party High Command have decided to contest freely.

Meanwhile, Harish Gowda, who had contested the 2018 Assembly polls as the JD(S) rebel candidate, told *SOM* that there was no question of all the 12 candidates supported by him withdrawing from the polls.

M.V. Ramprasad, a BJP rebel candidate from Ward 55, said that his supporters have called for a meeting this noon and added that his supporters would decide whether he has to contest or not as a rebel candidate. The party had given ticket to S. Purushotham. The process of withdrawal of nomination papers began at all the offices of 11 Returning Officers (RO), located at all the eight MCC Zonal Offices, Chamundi Vihar Stadium, CADA Office and at MCC Community Hall and will end at 3 pm.

However, no rebel candidates had withdrawn their nomination papers when we went to the Press at 1.30 pm.

'Vision Testing & Preservation of Sight'

As part of the weekend **'Science for children'** at Hari Vidyalaya, Bogadi, Mysore, an activity named **'Vision Testing & Preservation of Sight'** has been arranged on 25.8.2018 at 3pm. by **Dr.Manikarnika H.R.**

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Lighter mood at flood relief centres...

Dance in the time of distress

Actor Manu Jose entertains children at a relief camp at Changanaserry in Kerala. Picture right shows children dancing at a relief camp in Kodagu.

Yoga being taught to children at a relief camp in Suntikoppa. Mounashree celebrates her birthday at a relief camp in Madikeri yesterday (pic. right).

Kushalnagar/ Suntikoppa, Aug. 23 (MTY&BCT)- If actor and story-teller **Manu Jose** from Kerala is entertaining children housed at a relief camp in flood-ravaged Changanaserry in Kerala with his dance moves and gripping story-telling, children who are sheltered at various relief camps in flood-hit Kodagu district are being entertained through music, dance and games by volunteers.

Many volunteers and members of local cultural associations — some of them have even come from Mysuru and Bengaluru — are performing at relief camps in Kodagu and presenting cultural activities mainly to entertain and relieve stress.

Apart from entertainment, activities like yoga, physical drills and community building activities are being taught at various relief camps. Also, the traditional Kodava Valaga is being played, encouraging the children to dance. Almost all the children, women and the elderly are involved in such programmes.

A heartening factor is that even birthday parties are celebrated with cakes being cut so that the children are not deprived of their share of celebrations in the time of distress.

At Suntikoppa, relief camps have been established at St. Mary's Church, Sri Rama Mandira and at a nearby Madrasa. This apart, several schools at Madapura have been converted into shelter homes. More than 300 survivors have been sheltered in each relief camp. Early in the morning, the inmates of relief camps are led into open space or a wide room at the camp and are trained in yoga. They are made to squat on the floor and asked to do basic exercises mainly to relieve them from fatigue.

Soon after tea, it is time for some traditional games like "Kunte Bille", "Chowka-Bara", running race, musical chair and hopping exercises. According to volunteers, these activities catch children's attention and they voluntarily join the games, without any convincing.

"Apart from physical activity, we are reading story and comic books where there are chapters that are full of life. These stories enable children to imagine and be creative and will relieve their stress. We want all the people in the relief camps to come out of trauma they have experienced," said a volunteer who was dancing along with the children to the tunes of Kodava Valaga.

"They can't completely move on from the tragedy that has happened. Some of the elders are cynical towards these sessions but the idea is to get them back on their feet. We are trying our best to make them focus on other activities instead of brooding over the loss," a volunteer said.

Special birthday cake

Yesterday, at one of the relief camps in Madikeri, a little girl Mounashree celebrated her birthday. A special cake was brought by volunteers and she was made to cut the cake amidst a huge applause from other children. **Later, the little girl was blessed by Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji.** Mounashree hails from Kalur village that has been wiped out by floods.

Sthanakvasi Chaturmaas in city

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (KS) - The discourses by Jain Saints Dr. Sri Samakitmuniji Maharaj, Sri Bhavaantmuniji Maharaj and Sri Jayavantmuniji Maharaj, as part of the Chaturmaas, is being held at Sri Sthanakvasi Jain Sangh, 3rd Cross, Halladakeri in city.

The Chaurmaas, which commenced on July 27, will conclude on Nov. 22.

During Chaturmaas, a special discourse has been organised daily between 9 am and 10 am by Dr. Sri Samakitmuniji Maharaj on day-to-day life adding spirituality and moral in the subject.

Dr. Sri Samakitmuniji Maharaj said that one who wants to live his life peacefully should keep the heart big, keep the mind cool, keep the speech sweet, keep the expectations less and forget that should be forgotten.

Speaking about Vaastu Shastra, the Monk said that respecting elders in house is Poorva Disha Vaastu, caring our kins is Pashchima Disha Vaastu, praying to God and serving Saints and Monks were Uttar Disha Vaastu and looking after our dependants and staff is Dakshina Disha Vaastu. One who follows these in good way will certainly lead a healthy, wealthy and peaceful life, he added.

Sri Sthanakvasi Jain Sangh President B.A. Kailashchand Jain giving a brief note of Chaturmaas said that disciples across the country were attending and listening to these discourses daily along with over 500 people from local society. Secretary Susheel Nandavath said that many people were observing fast during Chaturmaas and added that Samuhik Tela community observed fast on July 26, 27 and 28 in which around 325 people observed fast and consumed only boiled water for 90 hours.

Sri Sthanakvasi Jain Yuva Sanghatan President Rajan Baghmar said that more than 100 youths are participating daily in Samakit Ke Sang Yuva Jamayenge Samayik Ka Rang, a spiritual programme from July 27 to Sept. 13.

Members of Sri Sthanakvasi Jain Sangh, all Yuva Sanghatans and Mahila Sanghatans of Sthanakvasi Jain Samaj are participating in Chaturmaas programmes co-ordinated by Treasurer Rajendrakumar Bhansali, Vice-President Mangilal Choradiya, Joint Secretary Dharmchand Nandavath, Yuva Sanghatan Vice-President Manohar Sankhala, Secretary Rakesh Bantia, Joint Secretary Rajendra Desarla and Sri Sthanakvasi Shikshan Sangh President Budhmal Baghmar.

Grand Finale of #findyourmojo Contest on Aug. 25

Mysuru, Aug.23-The Grand-Finale of the Find-Your-Mojo contest (#findyourmojo) launched on June 26, 2018 at MYRA School of Business in city will be held on Aug. 25 at 4.30 pm.

Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar will be the chief guest and give away prizes to the winners.

#findyourmojo is a unique event aimed at helping students explore their special gift and passion. The contest was open for High School and College students in the city who wished to explore their talent.

Students from 21 colleges and 18 schools participated. The mojo categories included Performing arts — theatre, dance, music, oratory/public speaking, stand-up comedy, magic/puppetry; Fine arts — pottery drawing & painting, embroidery & stitching, sculpture, photography, handicraft, film making; Sports/Yoga/Fitness; Academics — STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Medicine), Social Sciences & Humanities and others.

The 12 finalists will showcase their talent on Aug. 25.

Inclement weather conditions

Hubballi leg matches shift to Mysuru

- No games on Aug.23, 24
- Hubballi Double Headers on Aug.25, Aug.26 to be played in Mysuru

Hubballi, Aug.23- The remaining matches in the Hubballi leg of Season 7 of the Karbonn Smartphones Karnataka Premier League (KPL), powered by Lakshmi Vilas Bank, have been shifted with immediate effect to Mysuru.

The SDNR Wadiyar Stadium in Mysuru, which was set to play host from Aug.28, will now have matches starting Saturday, Aug.25. The double headers on Aug.25 (Belagavi Panthers Vs Ballari Tuskers and Shivamogga Lions Vs Bengaluru Bulls) and on Aug.26 (Bijapur Bulls and Ballari Tuskers) will now be played in Mysuru on the same dates.

The matches scheduled at Hubballi for Aug.23 (Hubli Tigers Vs Belagavi Panthers) and Aug.24 (Bijapur Bulls Vs Mysuru Warriors) will also be played in Mysuru. The schedule for those matches will be announced later.

Asian Games: Rahi Sarnobat wins India's only gold on Day 4

Wushu delivers best medal Haul

Jakarta/ Palembang, Aug.23- Shooter Rahi Sarnobat was the star on Day 4 as she won the gold medal in the 25m pistol competition at the 18th Asian Games. She achieved the feat with a games record score of 34 in the finals to improve upon her bronze medal-winning feat at the 2014 edition. Four bronze medals came in wushu as Roshibina Devi (women's 60kg), Santosh Kumar (men's 56kg), Surya Bhanu Pratap Singh (men's 60kg) and Narender Grewal (men's 65kg) lost their respective semifinal matches. This is the best ever medal haul by India in Wushu at the Asian Games.

Rahi Sarnobat

Indian hockey team registered a resounding 26-0 over Hong Kong, China. In tennis, Ankita Raina assured a singles medal by reaching semi-finals. Rohan Bopanna and Divij Sharan have also advanced to mixed doubles semi-finals and have assured a medal for India. Indian women's team finished seventh in the gymnastics finals.

At the end of the day 4, with four gold, three silver and eight bronze medals in their overall tally, India stood seventh in the medal table, which was led by quite a margin by powerhouse China with 82 medals, including 37 gold medals.

Day 5 of the Games is expected to be a busy one as the Indian badminton contingent start the individual category campaign. P.V. Sindhu and Saina Nehwal will be in action in the women's Singles Round of 32 while Ashwini Ponnappa will be playing her Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles matches.

5th Mulki Sunder Ram Shetty All India Basketball

Vijaya Bank beat Indian Customs-Pune in opener

Bengaluru, Aug.23- Hosts Vijaya Bank confidently started their campaign in Group B against Indian Customs, Pune, in the 5th Mulki Sunder Ram Shetty All India Basketball Tourney by beating Indian Customs 100-77 on Sunday at Malleswaram courts here.

Customs were headed by their powerful backcourt duo of Ajinkya Mane and former Indian Team guard Siddhant Shinde. Meanwhile, Vijaya Bank's offense was facilitated by their former International Guard Rajesh Uppar alongside fellow internationals Arvind Arumugam and Anil Kumar.

Vijaya Bank had a dominant start to the game leading 10-0 in first two minutes with guard Anil Kumar scoring six very quick points off fastbreaks but Customs came storming back into the game with some great passing and cutting the lead to just one point. Point guard Rajesh Uppar orchestrated Vijaya Bank's offense beautifully as they ended the quarter leading 28-21.

The 2nd quarter started with Shinde and Mane scoring back to back baskets, thanks to some good ball movement from the Customs team. But Vijaya Bank answered right back with some good offensive showing from Arvind Arumugam and regained a comfortable double digit lead midway in the 2nd quarter. Anil Kumar and Siddhant Shinde exchanged couple of threes between them but then a three by Mane followed by a fastbreak reverse layup cut the lead back to just 4 points.

Vijaya Bank displayed beautiful ball movement on the second last play of the quarter which led to an open three. But Ajinkya Mane answered back with a three of his own with only 5 seconds left on the game to trail Vijaya Bank 45-51-45 at the half.

3rd quarter started with Siddhant Shinde taking charge and getting his team back into the game but Anil Kumar stepped up for the host team draining 3 three pointers in this quarter itself and had some great defensive stops which he converted at the other end of the floor. Forward Clinton Andrew of Vijaya Bank entered the game with two blocks on back to back possessions and he shifted the momentum of the game completely in favour of the hosts with a monstrous block on Ajinkya Mane.

Forward Karthik Saminathan of Vijaya Bank started the 4th quarter in style with a huge fastbreak dunk. Later Anil Kumar went into his bag of tricks and pulled off a sweet between the legs move to get the crowd on its feet and followed it with a corner three to make it an 18 point game in favour of Vijaya Bank midway through the final quarter.

Hosts Vijaya Bank held on to their lead and finished the game at 100-77.

FINAL SCORE

Vijaya Bank: 100 (Anil Kumar 27 pts, Harish M 21 pts) beat **Indian Customs (Pune):** 77 (Siddhant Shinde 41 pts, Edvin 14 pts) [28-21, 23-24, 30-27, 19-05].

Winners of Volleyball and Kho-Kho Tournaments

The girls Volleyball team of Sadvidya High School, Mysuru, won the South Zone Inter-School Girls Volleyball Competition (2018-19) conducted by the Department of Public Instruction recently. The winning team — *(standing from left)* ***P.M. Monika, Spandana Kumar, H. Aishwarya, B. Lekhana, Pragna, R. Kavya, D. Aishwarya, T.S. Aryashree;*** *(kneeling from left)* ***M. Sinchana, P. Abhigna, M. Pooja and B. Vijetha — is seen with*** *(sitting from left)* ***School Head Master H.N. Subbarao, Secretary M.D. Gopinath and Physical Education Director N.D. Jagannath.***

The kho-kho team of Ideal Jawa Rotary School, JLB Road, which won first place in in the High School Zonal-level Sports 2018 conducted by the Department of Physical Education recently.

Mysuru, Aug.23- The students of Ideal Jawa Rotary School, JLB Road, participated in the High School Zonal-level Sports 2018 conducted by the Department of Physical Education recently and won first place in Kho-Kho (boys) and second place in Volleyball (both girls and boys teams). The teams will now represent the School in the High School City-level Sports. **Kho-kho team:** N.T. Srivatsa, N. Bharath, M.S. Trishar, Skanda Mahadev, D.M. Suhas, Jathin R. Jain, N. Tarun, A.P. Bharatesh, R. Yashwanth Gowda, D. Amruth, L. Pavan, A. Kushal, S.J. Yashraj Vijayan, Md. Hussain and T. Rakshith.

Volleyball teams (girls): Hari Priya, Ananya Madhava, M.R. Srushti, Sharanya S. Urs, R. Bhavika, Zainab Adam, T. Priya Shree, R. Indhu, Syeda Humra, D. Manu Priya, Kushi N. Das, Bi-Bi Huda Fathima and A.M. Accamma; **Boys:** K. Shamanth, C.R. Yashwanth, K.S. Devaiah, R. Anoop, R. Ullas, C.N. Darshan, G.R. Ayush, M.S. Nishith, S. Tarun Sagar, K. Shreyas, V. Mohith Gowda, S. Ashish, R. Rithin, R. Rahul and Raghavendra.

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22818/22817	Mysore-Howrah Weekly Exp.	12.30 am (Mon)	02.50 am (Mon)	01.00 am (Sun)	03.45 am (Sun)
16217/16218	Mysore-Sainagar Shirdi Weekly Express	05.30 am (Mon)	08.00 am (Mon)	03.30 am (Thu)	06.00am (Thu)
56231/56232	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	05.50 am	09.15 am	09.20 am	12.35 pm
17326/17325	Vishwa Manava Express (Hubballi-Mysuru-Hubballi Daily)	06.10 am	8.55 am	5.45 pm	8.40 pm
16215/16216	Chamundi Express	06.45 am	09.30 am	06.15 pm	09.05 pm
19668/19667	Palace Queen Weekly Humsafar Express (Mysuru-Udaipur City-Mysuru)	10.00 am (Thu)	12.10 pm (Thu)	01.50 pm (Wed)	04.25pm (Wed)
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16229/16230	Mysore-Varanasi Bi-weekly Exp.	07.20 am (Tue & Thu)	09.55 am	12.15 am (Sun & Tue)	02.50 am (Sun & Tue)
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56206/56205	Mysore-Nanjangud	09.00 am	09.50 am(N'gud)	10.15 am(N'gud)	11.10 am
56202/56281	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	05.00 am	06.40 am	07.00 am	09.00 am
56204/56203	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	07.20 am	09.10 am	10.40 am	12.25 pm
16220/16219	Tirupati-Chamarajanagar	10.30 am	12.20 pm	03.10 pm	04.45 pm
56210/56209	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	12.30 pm	02.15 pm	06.00 pm	07.50 pm
56208/56207	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	02.50 pm	04.40 pm	04.55 pm	06.35 pm
56282/56201	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	06.45 pm	08.35 pm	08.50 pm	10.30 pm

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11036/11035	Mysore-Dadar Sharavathi Express	06.15 am (Sunday)	09.10 am	06.05 pm	09.40 pm (Friday)
56266/56265	Mysore-Arsikere Passenger	07.15 am	11.10 am	05.30 pm	9.25 pm
56270/56269	Mysore-Shimoga Town Passenger	10.20 am	01.45 pm	12.30 pm	04.30 pm
56216/56215	Mysore-Hassan-Yesvantpur Passenger	8.30 am	02.45 pm (Yesvantpur)	01.00 pm (Yesvantpur)	08.00 pm
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17301/17302	Mysore-Dharwad Express	10.30 pm	01.30 am	03.05 am	07.00 am

		Dep.Mys	Arr. Shimoga	Dep.Shimoga	Arr.Mys
16206/16205	Mysore-Talaguppa Express	06.00 am	10.53 am	04.40 pm	10.15 pm
56276/56275	Mysore-Shimoga Passenger	01.10 pm	07.20 pm	07.50 am	02.30 pm

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		Dep.	Arr.	
16517/16523	Bengaluru-Kannur / Karwar Express	08.30 pm (B'luru)	11.00 pm (Mysuru)	[Sunday, Monday and Tuesday]
16518/16524	Kannur/ Karwar-Bengaluru Express	05.30 am (Mysuru)	08.00 am (B'luru)	[Friday, Saturday and Sunday]

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Kodagu flood havoc

Land, house washed away

right in front of our eyes...

Kalur couple's heart-rending story

Channapanda Monnappa and Mallige couple.

Madikeri, Aug. 23 (PS&NNN)- "The people of this area have been shaken right from the month of June when it started raining, worried about coffee and pepper being washed away. The worst fears unfortunately came true in the second week of August and the question that is haunting was whether we would survive at all," recalls Channapanda Monnappa and Mallige couple, whose land and house was swept away right in front of their eyes.

Seeing the torrential rains everyone realised that the land is going to cave in and there will be floods. By morning, all of us had to run for our dear lives leaving everything behind as the whole place had disappeared before sunrise, were the agonising words that the couple shared with *Star of Mysore* about the dark moments they experienced. This couple are the residents of Kaluru village at the foot of Pushpagiri Hills, 14 kms from Madikeri.

They had 1.5 acres of land growing coffee and in the middle of it their house. They were also growing paddy in the lower region of the land and leading a comfortable life.

However, in the second week of August everything came crashing down. Right in front of their eyes they saw the cracks in the hill and the land caving in. As a result Baribellacchu village lost all contacts with the outside world. The road on either side of Galibeedu and Devasthuru has caved in due to heavy landslide.

Before, a bigger calamity struck, Monnappa and Mallige couple climbed the hill to save their lives and reached Madikeri and are staying in a relative's house. The 1.5 acre land is completely swallowed and the house has developed cracks.

When will the government aid come and what will be our fate? wondered the couple sharing their anxiety.

Defying death: Even if landslip has occurred in Kaluru village, a few families who have been living there since birth are refusing to leave the village. Chandira Harish and Prema family is one among them.

When there was landslide, the NDRF (National Disaster Relief Force) and Fire Fighting Force had reached the place and wanted to move them out. However, refusing to leave the place, Harish and Prema instead send their aged parents to safer places. As the house had developed crack, they moved to their neighbour Palayenda Satish's house.

However, by morning the hill had collapsed and flattened the house and the land of Harish couple. But they did not lose heart. They went in search of their house which had moved 1.5 kilometre away and retrieved whatever they could like 30 kg of cardamom, cash and a few ornaments which were buried under the landslide.

The couple are still residing in Kalur village itself defying death and are in touch with their relatives.

The family is safe now and there are many such brave heart stories comming out from the flood ravaged Kodagu.

Three more bodies found under rubble in Kodagu

Madikeri, Aug.23 (PS&BCT)- Three bodies were recovered in flood-hit Kodagu yesterday, making it nine confirmed deaths ever since heavy rainfall and landslides wreaked havoc in the district over the past two weeks. Rescue personnel found two bodies in Yemmethaalu and one in Katakeri, according to Kodagu District Administration.

While two of the bodies were identified as Leelavathi (60) and her son Umesh Rai (32), the other body was identified as Pavan (34). The bodies of Leelavathi and Umesh were found in a deep gorge that has been created by landslips. The bodies were retrieved by Dogra Regiment of the Indian Army.

According to Inspector P.K. Raju, search was on for the mother and son ever since they were found missing since Aug.16. Due to hostile weather, the bodies could not be retrieved so far, he said. The bodies were recovered two kilometres from their house. While Leelavathi was a labourer, her son Umesh was an autorickshaw driver. Speaking to reporters, Major Biddappa of Dogra Regiment said that the search operations were launched at Meghathalu and Yemmethaalu villages in five acres around the house of the victims. "We identified a place that emanated heavy stench. Out of experience when we went there, we found a hand protruding and when the place was dug, the bodies appeared.

The bodies were buried under three feet and the soldiers had to scale down the gorge with ropes to retrieve them. Pavan's body was retrieved from Katakeri, 100 metres from a landslide that wiped out an entire village. More than 60 residents of this village have taken shelter at relief centres.

DC CLARIFIES

Kodagu Deputy Commissioner P.I. Sreevidya has clarified that so far, nine people have died in Kodagu and six persons are found missing. In a press release, the DC stated that the reports in the media that about 4,000 persons were missing were incorrect.

Elderly woman dies at relief camp

Somwarpet, Aug. 23 (PS&KS)- Bhojamma (80), wife of Porera late Subbaiah and a resident of Biligeri, who had been to see one of her relatives at the relief camp opened by Kodava Samaja in Somwarpet on Tuesday, suffered a heart attack at the relief camp at about 11 pm. Though she was rushed to the Government Hospital in Somwarpet, she breathed her last after failing to respond to the treatment. It is learnt that Bhojamma was suffering from age related ailments.

The family members took the body of Bhojamma to their native place to perform the last rites.

Schools and Colleges re-open in Kodagu

Madikeri, Aug.23 (PS&DM)- Schools and Colleges which were shut across the district for over a week on account of heavy rains and landslides, re-opened this morning, even as rescue and relief operations are going on in full swing, with rains giving a break.

Barring 61 schools located in flood ravaged areas, most of them in Madikeri taluk, all other Schools and Educational Institutions re-opened, much to the relief of students.

At a meeting yesterday, which was chaired by District in-Charge Minister S.R. Mahesh, it was decided to re-open the Schools.

The meeting was attended by MLAs K.G. Bopaiah and M.P. Appachu Ranjan, MLC Sunil Subramani, Zilla Panchayat President B.A. Harish, District in-Charge Secretary Anbu Kumar, DC P.I. Sreevidya, SP Suman D. Pennekar, ZP CEO Prashanth Kumar Mishra, IAS officer Charulatha Somal and other officials.

At the meeting, Minister Mahesh said that the State Government has decided to teach academics to children at relief camps and centre and distribute them text books.

Asking the officials to ensure that there were no lapses in the distribution of relief materials to flood victims across the district, he directed the officials to provide hot water and supply LPG cylinders and gas geysers to relief camps.

Maintaining that there was enough stock of relief materials for distribution amongst the victims, he instructed the Revenue officials to locate Government lands wherever available for rehabilitation of flood and landslide victims.

Deputy Commissioner Sreevidya said that the District Administration has taken measures for providing land and property records to those victims who have lost them in the disaster.

Free school admission to flood-affected students anywhere in State

Bengaluru, Aug.23- The school children, who have been affected by floods in the ravaged Kodagu district, can seek free admissions to any school in the State. In an official circular, the State Department of Public Instruction has instructed all the officials and school authorities not to deny admission to any child who has been affected by floods in Kodagu. The Department has also directed the authorities not to ask for documents or certificates while admitting children.

An official in the Department said, "Many schools both in the Government and Private ones have been destroyed in the floods. The students studying in these schools can gain admission in any nearby school or any other school in the State."

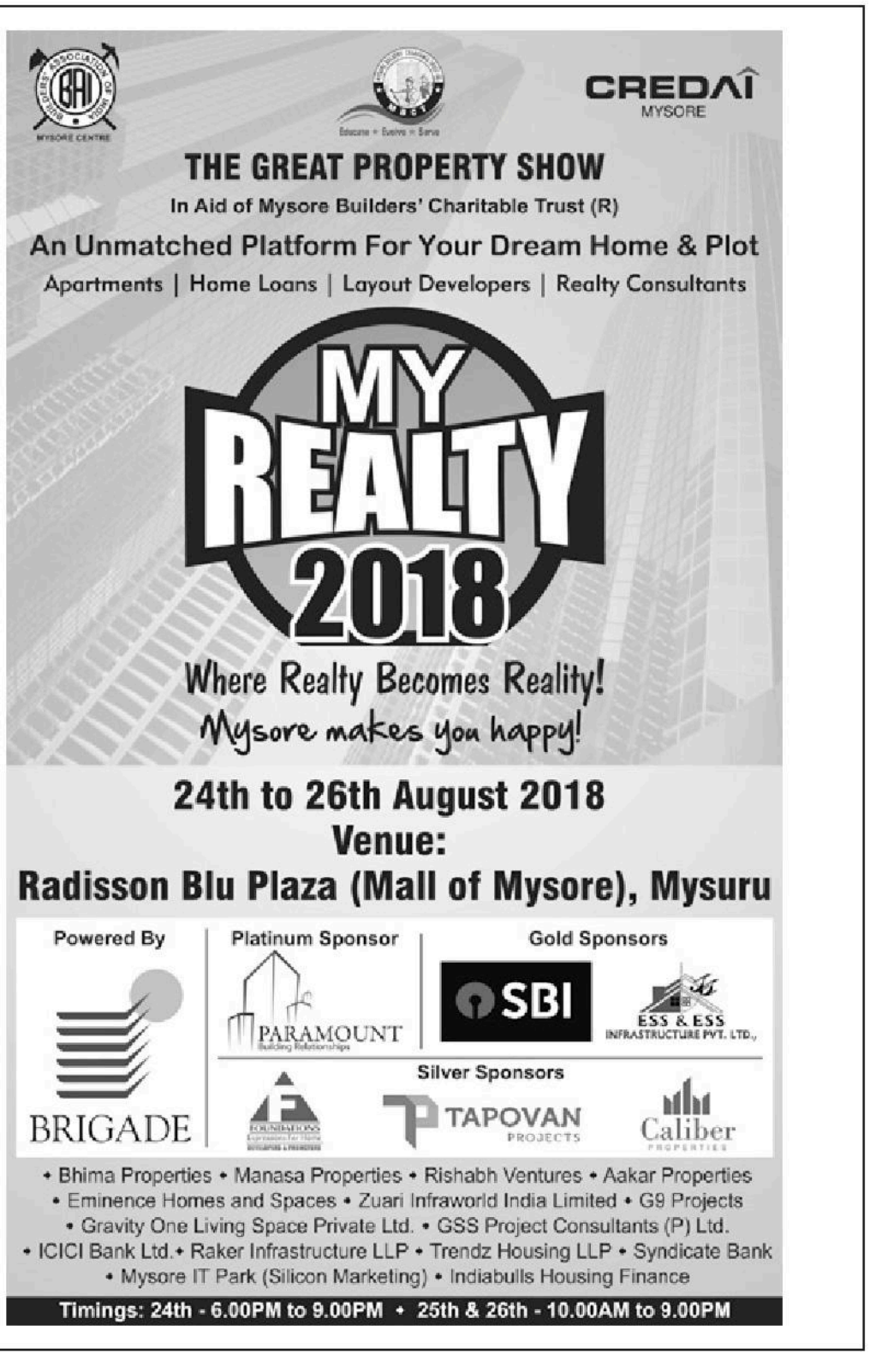
The higher officials have clearly explained that during admission, the schools should not insist on date of birth, Aadhar and other details while admitting them.

The information on schools affected by floods is being compiled. It will take at least another year to rebuild the schools which have been destroyed by the floods. Hence, the directive to admit children to nearby or any other schools in the State, said the official. Currently nine Government primary schools have been washed away and they have to be rebuilt. In another 76 Government primary schools, minor repair works have to be taken up.

PU Department to relax attendance: PU students in Kodagu are having a tough time reaching their colleges owing to zero connectivity in most villages in the district. Hence, the students will be given concession in attendance and special classes will be held during holidays and Dasara, said the Department officials. 75% attendance is mandatory for students taking the second PU examination. However, there will be relaxation in attendance for students studying in Kodagu colleges. During Dasara vacation special classes have been arranged for the students, said PU Education Department Director C. Shikha.

GTD directs officials to provide education documents: Higher Education Minister G.T. Devegowda (GTD) has directed his Department officials to provide all necessary education documents to the flood-affected students of Kodagu. Thousands of houses have been destroyed in the floods. There are plenty of students studying in colleges in these parts. Hence, a proper list of students who have lost the documents must be made and then they should be provided with those documents, he told officials.

Free admissions at Sree Cauvery Educational Institutions: Sree Cauvery Educational Institutions in Kuvempunagar will admit students from affected areas of Kodagu without charging any fees. In a statement, Hon. Secretary M.S. Muthapa said, the facility is open for students from primary school to degree college.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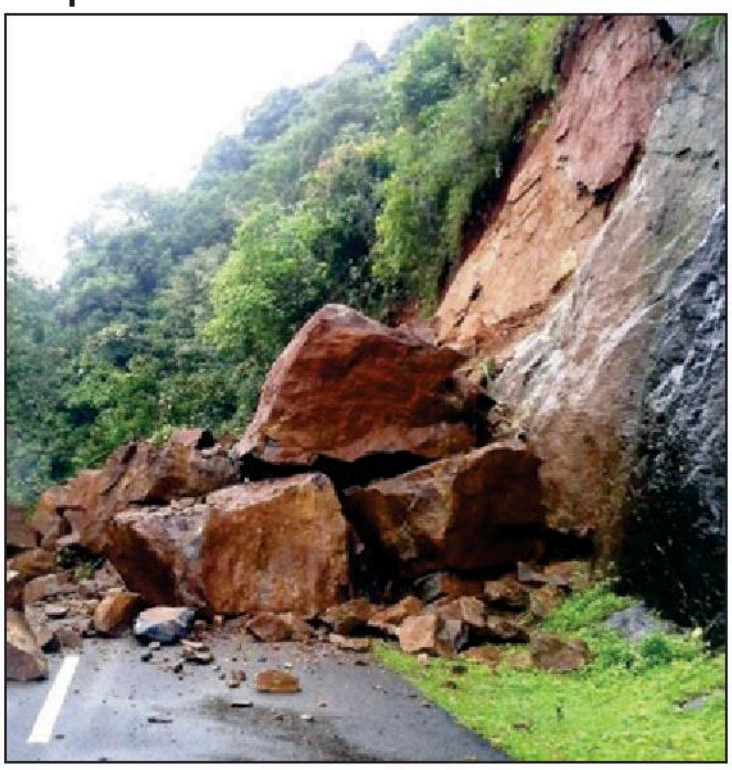
UoM research team had cautioned about landslides in Kodagu

The research paper, submitted in 2016, points out that development was deteriorating nature's equilibrium



Landslide along State Highway near Made village that has been highlighted by the research scholars. Landslide along Bhagamandala-Karike Road in the area of research study.

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (BCT)- A research work carried out by the University of Mysore (UoM) as part of a Ph.D. programme two years ago had cautioned the authorities about the tragedy waiting to happen in the form of massive landslides and flooding in Kodagu district.

The research study that was conducted between 2013 and 2016 had highlighted how excessive human exploitation of natural and eco-sensitive spots of Kodagu to build homes, buildings and other commercial activities has caused extensive damage to the ecology.

The research paper, titled *'Landslides in Coorg District of Karnataka State'* **has been published by International Journal of Innovative Research in Science, Engineering and Technology, in its June 6, 2016 edition.** The paper was jointly submitted by **Prof. M.R. Janardhana, Head, Department of Geology, Yuvaraja's College, University of Mysore, Dr. D.N. Vinutha and Abdul-Aleam Ahamed D.AL-Qadhi, a foreign national doing his research in the University.** The paper was published as part of Vinutha's Ph.D. programme.

The research paper says, Kodagu forms a part of Western Ghats with high range hills and abundance of forest wealth. The district is known for its scenic beauty, pleasant climatic conditions and therefore one of the most popular holiday destinations. However, the district has witnessed many natural hazards including landslides

M.R. Janardhana Dr. Vinutha

and floods and the area is becoming more susceptible for these natural hazards owing to the infrastructural development works in response to increasing population and tourism.

Examining the infrastructure development of the tiny district, the research scholars say that development in the form of laying new roads and widening of the existing roads modifies the slopes, thus deteriorating the equilibrium of nature. "With every passing monsoon, the district witnesses a number of landslides in response to destruction of natural slopes. Moreover, the district forms a junction to various destinations in both Karnataka and Kerala," the report says.

Study areas

The study area included Madikeri, Made, Bhagamandala, Karike, Kakkabbe Makkandur, Nakoor, Shirangala, Harangi, Kaloor, in and around Madapura and surrounding areas where extensive damage has been caused due to heavy landslides now.

The purpose of the study was to analyse the geomorphological condition of the district and identify the main hazards happening in the area such as flooding, landslide and forest fire. The study aimed at identifying the areas that is prone to disasters and establish its causative and triggering factors like deforestation, cutting of mountains and soil erosion.

Flooding at Bhagamandala caused by sudden drop in elevation of River Cauvery from Talacauvery to Bhagamandala.

Root cause for flooding in Bhagamandala

The study points out that the sudden drop in elevation of river Cauvery from Talacauvery to Bhagamandala is the root cause for flooding in Bhagamandala area. The eastern parts of the district including Madapura, Kalur, Mutlu, Hattihole, Hammiyala, Soorlabbi and surrounding areas around Harangi Reservoir are characterised by low and gentle slope and as such, floods tend to occur during prolonged and high intensity rainy days.

"The topography of Kodagu district is sensitive and any changes in the land use causes landslide or slope failures affecting the population. However, rapid rise in population and economic activities owing to which the area is witnessing infrastructural development in the form of civil engineering constructions and development of roads for better connectivity in the area is of great concern as it is causing instability in the hilly terrain," the study observes.

How to minimise damages

In conclusion, the study calls for specific management practices to minimise damages from natural hazards. They include building retaining walls in high risk zones, controlled urban development and construction of high rise embankments near Bhagamandala region to reduce flooding which will also help in solving soil erosion problems.

HIGH RISK FLOODING AREAS

Study areas in Madikeri and Somwarpet Taluks and their risk levels due to increased exploitation.

Very high to extreme flooding zone	17.04 percent of the total area
High to very high risk zone	11.52 percent area
Moderate to high risk	13.72 percent area
Low to moderate risk	23.15 percent area
Low to low risk	21.52 percent area
None to very low risk flooding zone	13.04 percent of the total area

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Kolamavu Kokila (Ta)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Pyaar Prema Kaadhal (Ta)	(S-2)	10.40 am
Satyameva Jayate (H)	(S-2)	4.15 pm, 9.50 pm
Ayogya (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 4.15 pm, 9.50
Karwaan (H)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
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	(S-4)	9.15 pm
Satyameva Jayate (H)	(S-1)	12.55 pm, 7.00 pm
	(S-3)	9.50 am, 9.50 pm
Geeta Govindam (Te)	(S-2)	9.45 am, 3.40 pm, 6.45, 9.50 pm
Ayogya (K)	(S-3)	12.35 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 am, 6.05 pm
Amavase (K)	(S-3)	12.35 pm
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Vishwaroopam 2 (Ta)	3.55 pm
Kolamaavu Kokila -(Ta)	9.55 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

TV TONIGHT

7:00 pm Yeh Teri Galiyaan	6:00 pm Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai	7:00 pm Mere Sai
7:30 Kaleerein	6:30 Sabse Smart Kaun?	7:50 Vighnaharta Ganesh
8:00 Zindagi Ki Mehek	7:30 Mariam Khan Reporting Live	8:30 Porus
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10:00 Ishq Subhan Allah		11:00 Crime Patrol - City Crimes
5:00 pm Man Vs. Wild	6:00 pm Caribbean Premier League 2018 Hls	5:00 pm Beyond Magic With Dmc
6:00 What Went Down	7:00 CPL 2018 Weekly	6:00 Primal Survivor
6:30 Food Factory	7:30 Kbd Superhits 2018	7:00 Airport Security: Colombia
7:00 Our Guy In India	8:00 Football United 2017/18	8:00 Jungle Tales
8:00 Special Forces: Ultimate Hell Week	8:30 Cricket Countdown 2018	9:00 Prime @ 9
9:00 Ed Stafford: Left For Dead	9:00 Asia Cup 2016 Hls	10:00 Rogue Earth
10:00 Island With Bear Grylls	10:00 Caribbean Premier League	11:00 Unpublished
6:30 pm Oggy And The Cockroaches	6:30 pm Mahaganapathi	6:30 pm Jo Jo Laali
7:00 Roll No. 21	7:00 Gouri	7:00 Kaveri
9:00 Teen Titans Go!	7:30 Ennu Swantham Jani	7:30 Maaya
10:00 Ben 10	8:00 Maaya	8:00 Brahmastra
11:00 Dragon Ball Super	8:30 Nandhini	8:30 Nandini
11:30 Teleshopping	9:30 Sree Bhadrakali	9:00 Jeeva Nadi
	10:00 Kadhakalkkappuram	9:30 Manasa Sarovara

MOVIES TONIGHT

2:40 pm **Avatar**	4:56 pm **Shooter**	4:54 pm **The Conjuring**
6:00 **The Karate Kid**	7:17 **Lights Out**	6:49 **Live By Night**
8:59 **Logan**	9:00 **The Tuxedo**	9:01 **Deep Impact**
11:54 **Thir13en Ghosts**	11:01 **The Master (1992)**	11:06 **The Godfather**
2:51 pm **Krrish 3**	6:07 pm **Vardiwali Sherni**	2:15 pm **Mulzim**
6:13 **Bhaigiri 2**	8:56 **Rowdy Rajkumar 2**	5:40 **Teleshopping**
8:57 **Heart Attack 2**	11:55 **Kasam Paida Karane Wale Ki**	6:40 **Waqt Ka Badshah**
11:49 **Aur Ek Ilzaam**		10:20 **Insaaf Ki Devi**
4:12 pm **Sachin: A Billion Dreams**	4:00 pm **Annavara Makkalu**	3:02 pm **Ready**
6:49 **Big Hero 6**	7:00 **Anjada Gandu**	6:11 **Dishoom**
8:59 **Jurassic Park III**	10:00 **CBI Shiva**	8:59 **Dhruva**

Gokulam Kodava Sangha AGM held

The 12th AGM of Gokulam Kodava Sangha was held on Aug.15. Sangha President Wg. Cdr. (retd.) M.D. Aiyanna presided. New team for the next term of two years is as follows: Nayakanda U. Appaya - President, Dekamada C. Nachappa - Vice President, Myndapanda A. Thimmanna - Secretary, Adengada Geetha Kuttappa - Joint Secretary, Chendanda Navin Aiyappa - Treasurer, as Executive Members along with ten Committee Members. On this occasion, warm welcome was extended to Brindavan Extension Kodava families who joined Gokulam Kodava Sangha. Sangha Member Byrettira Cariappa, son of Chinnappa, who became the Commissioned Officer as Lieutenant in the Indian Army and Pulianda Ayush Aiyanna, son of Narien Uthaiah, who was awarded the 'Global Soty Student of the Year-2017' by univQuest USA, were felicitated.

EVENTS TODAY (AUG.23)

Sangha Mitra-Mysore: Onam Sale, Government Employees Association Building, Dhanvantri Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**

Sahara Art And Crafts: Shopping Festival, Expo-cum-Sale of Handicrafts and Handlooms, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's office, **up to 9.30 pm.**

Rotary Mysore Midtown and The National Association for the Blind: The Awards Day Celebration (for the visually and heating impaired trainers of the 28th batch, 2017-18), Dr. Nirupama, PDA, JSS Mysore, chief guest, Y.P. Udaya Shankar, President, Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Sports Club, Mysuru, guest of honour, NAB, Industrial Training Centre for the Blind and Deaf, C-177/ 1778, Industrial Estate, Yadavagiri, **3 pm.**

Sri Suttur Mutt, Mysuru: Shravana Masa, Pujanushtana and Discourse, Mass Prayer, **6 pm;** Dr. B.V. Vasanthakumar, Professor, Maharani's Arts College for Women, Mysuru, delivers discourse, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Sri Durga Sapthashati,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha, Sri Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions and Sri Venkatesha Sabha, Mysuru: Sri Vedanta Deshika's 750th annual celebrations and Sri Venkatesha Sabha's centenary celebrations, Sri Vedanta Deshika Lecture Series - 8 on the topic "Sri Vedanta Deshika's 'Upakara Sangraha,' by Dr. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sri Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm.**

Sri Shaneshwaraswamy Bhakta Mandali, 1st Cross, Pensioners Block, Rajendranagar: 41st Shravanamasa Mahotsava, Staging of play 'Chinnada Gombe' by Keshavamurthy and troupe, Mysuru, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUG.24)

Sri Shaneshwaraswamy Bhakta Mandali, 1st Cross, Pensioners Block, Rajendranagar: 41st Shravanamasa Mahotsava, Ganapati Puja, Sri Shaneshwara Puje, Navagraha Puje, Punyaha, Homa, Poornahuti, Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, **8 am;** 'Sugama Sangeetha' by Ramya Kalatanda, T. Narasipur, **7 pm.**

Sangha Mitra-Mysore: Onam Sale, Government Employees Association Building, Dhanvantri Road, **10 am to 8.30 pm.**

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Mysore Builders' Charitable Trust: Inauguration of My Realty - 2018, a mega property show, Higher Education Minister G.T. Devegowda chief guest, CII Karnataka State Council Chairman Dr. N. Muthukumar and Sankalp Chairman and MD Dr. V.K. Jagadish Babu guests of honour, Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, near Mall of Mysore, **4.30 pm.**

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